



# Minutes

Date: October 22, 2015

To: Brian Smith, Sylvia Bray, Andy Beaudoin, Jennette MacKenzie, Lorraine Gruzuk, Robert Brockwell, Richard White

From: Andrew McNeill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism

Re: **High School Task Force Committee**

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**Attendees:** Andy Beaudoin, Chair, High School Task Force  
Richard White, Vice-Chair, High School Task Force  
Brian Smith, Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach  
Sylvia Bray, Councillor, Town of Wasaga Beach  
Andrew McNeill, Director, Economic Development & Tourism  
Lorraine Gruzuk, Resident  
Robert Brockwell, Resident

**Regrets:** Jennette MacKenzie, Resident

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## Discussion

- Recap
  - Neither School Board has WB on priority list;
  - 1,200 students is the bar that we have been asked to meet to warrant a new school;
  - Approx 500 students are bused out of Wasaga every day during the school year;
  - All neighbouring schools are at or over capacity;
  - A lot of tax dollars flowing out of Wasaga and not much flowing back.
- Approx \$11M annually flowing out of WB;
- HS in WB will alleviate pressure on Collingwood;
- Not too long ago decision was made not to spend more dollars in Elmvale – just received funding;
- Wasaga is a growing community;
- The business case for Wasaga needs to stand on its own;
- School in Wasaga would likely capture some students from the Catholic Board;



- Province has 43 joint Public/Catholic Schools;
  - Lots of info on the benefits of smaller school sizes;
  - School Board looking for number for their 2015-16 Capital Plan – Andrew to draft a response;
  - Prepare a framework presentation for next meeting;
  - Need to contact feeder schools and obtain contact info for School Councils;
  - Contact Real Estate agents to understand how many people not moving here because there is no high school;
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## **Actions**

1. Obtain local elementary enrollment numbers by class  
Responsible individual: Lorraine Gruzuk  
Timeline: Completed
2. Compile school research – benefits of school size, (smaller is better, etc.)  
Responsible individual: Jeannette MacKenzie  
Timeline: Outstanding
3. Work with the Town Treasurer to calculate the total dollars that have gone to the School Board over the last 10 years.  
Responsible individual: Andrew McNeill  
Timeline: Outstanding
4. Draft a SCDSB Capital Plan Response  
Responsible individual: Andrew McNeill  
Timeline: Outstanding
5. Draft a Presentation Framework  
Responsible individual: Andy Beaudoin and Andrew McNeill  
Timeline: Outstanding
6. Obtain School Council Contact Information  
Responsible individual: Brian Smith  
Timeline: Outstanding
7. Obtain Real Estate Information  
Responsible individual: TBD  
Timeline: Outstanding